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REMARKS

Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 2-49 were previously cancelled. Claims 50-70 have been added. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 50-70 are pending in this application. It is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims of the present application are in condition for allowance.

In view of the cancellation of claim 1 and newly submitted claims 50-70, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner should withdraw the double patenting rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claim 1 of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,732,278.

In view of the cancellation of claim 1 and newly submitted claims 50-70, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner should withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 for claiming non-statutory subject matter.

In view of the cancellation of claim 1 and newly submitted claims 50-70, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner should withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,949,882 to Angelo.

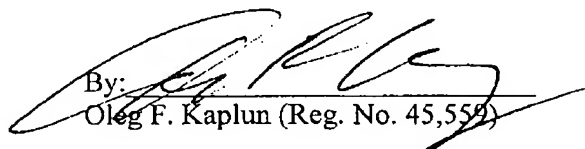
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CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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